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25X1A6a Yugoslav Foreign Minister Edvard Kardelj reportedly sent a memorandum containing the following directives to all Yugoslav Embassies and Consulates:

- a. Yugoslav representatives should carefully avoid being influenced by the Cominformist or Western press. Yugoslav policy is and has always been that of Tito, which means independence from all foreign influences.
- b. Yugoslav representatives should maintain an impartial attitude towards social events sponsored by countries of both the Eastern and Western blocs and should ask to be excused from these functions, if excuses can be made without giving offense.
- c. It should be emphasized on every occasion that the Yugoslav policy is to shun any alliance which might lead to war. The efforts of the Yugoslav people are directed towards peace, not war, and such aid as is received from the West is not of a bellicose nature but destined to raise the standard of living in Yugoslavia.
- d. Yugoslav representatives should make use of agents, if possible officials of the countries to which they are accredited, to spread Yugoslav propaganda. They should send back information on the quality and quantity of aid received by countries in the Atlantic Pact. In regard to foreign friends of Yugoslavia abroad, Yugoslav representatives should emphasize the nationalist angle, facilitate the travels of such friends to Yugoslavia and offer to assist them in any way commensurate with their (representatives') positions.
- e. They should remember that the British are only siding with the Americans out of necessity. At every opportunity the Yugoslav representatives should try to play off one cousin against the other, since there is already a fertile field for such a game. The Americans are forever opposed to the conservatism and traditionalism of the British. They are also impulsive and apt to make decisions without sufficient background knowledge. The British, on the other hand, are much slower in arriving at decisions and are masters of perfidy and intrigue. In dealing with both of these countries, Yugoslavs should regard themselves as equals and not as representatives of a third-rate power.

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- f. Yugoslav representatives should pay particular attention to written propaganda that can be distributed from their respective embassies or legations. If possible, they should recruit local journalists, who would be of great assistance in having Yugoslav information printed in the local press.
- g. Yugoslav representatives should attempt to gain the confidence of Yugoslavs living abroad, particularly intellectuals, industrialists, and commercial men. In the light of the Yugoslav break with the Cominform, this task should be greatly facilitated. They can be used as sources of information, and, even though they may be political emigres, their nationalist sentiment should be incited and it should be explained to them how they can still be of use to Yugoslavia.

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